



# 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](http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com) or follow us [www.facebook.com/stpaulsnfdl](http://www.facebook.com/stpaulsnfdl)**

December 16 & 17	Advent 3	Hymns
<b>Order of Service:</b> Service Setting Two page 172 with gathering rite  <b>Sermon:</b> Isaiah 61:1-3, 10, 11  A Reason for Rejoicing!		Gathering Rite Psalm 71 324 323:1,4 315 & 327 493:1,4

### 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 323:1,4.*

**Ushers** this week (16 & 17) teams are 4 (C. Hintz), 5 (B. Tabbert), and 6 (M. Ewerdt). Greeters are P. Brennand, D&K Thurow, and B Ewerdt. Next week [only a 9:00 am service Sunday morning] (23 & 24) teams will be 7 (D. Preissner), 8 (C. Williams)/9 (J. White). Greeters will be free, Fischer/White. Our organist this week is Will Hinn. Thank you all for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's.

## God's Word This Week:

## Advent 3

### THE KING SHALL COME: HE IS BRINGING PERFECT JOY!

The historic Christian Church gave Latin titles to each Sunday. They titled the Third Sunday in Advent "Gaudete," which means "Rejoice!" As we reach the midway point of Advent, we remember that when the King shall come, He will bring us perfect and everlasting joy.

Joy is not the same thing as happiness. Happiness is an emotion. Joyfulness is a condition. Happiness comes from your circumstances. Joyfulness comes from your King entering into your heart and assuring you of His abiding love and your glorious future. Therefore, happiness is fleeting. Joyfulness is enduring.

### December 16 – 25, 2023

12/16	<b>Sat.</b>	6:30 PM	WORSHIP with Holy Communion [#4]
12/17	<b>Sun.</b>	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
12/18	<b>Mon.</b>	6:15 PM	Public/Homeschool Catechism Class
		6:00 PM	Choir Practice
		7:00 PM	Chimes Practice
12/19	<b>Tues.</b>	6:30 PM	Worship at the Cross here
		7:00 PM	WLA Christmas Concert
12/20	<b>Wed.</b>	1/2 DAY	SPLS & WLA begin Christmas Break – Jan. 2
		8:30 AM	School Chapel (Mr. Hartwig)
		8:45 AM	Adult Bible Class
		1:00 PM	WLA Christmas Concert
		6:30 PM	Church Council Meeting
12/21	<b>Thur.</b>	6:30 PM	Board of Properties
12/23	<b>Sat.</b>	6:30 PM	WORSHIP [#7]
12/24	<b>Sun.</b>	9:00 AM	WORSHIP [#8/9] <i>No Bible Class or Sunday School (back in Jan.)</i>
		4:00 PM	CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
		6:00 PM	CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
12/25	<b>Mon.</b>	9:00 AM	CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL WORSHIP

#### Christmas & New Year Worship Note:

Over Christmas and New Year's because of the way special evening services fall, we will only have one Sunday service at 9:00 AM. Saturday service times remain unchanged.

## **Holy Communion**

Today we have the privilege of receiving Christ's true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. In this sacrament, the Holy Spirit seals to us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation for the strengthening of our faith. Scriptures also teach that as we commune together, we are publicly testifying to a complete unity of faith based on a confession of all of God's Word. For this reason, we respectfully request that all of those who are not members of the WELS or our sister ELS please speak with one of our pastors before communing with us. Thank you.

## **Divine Call News**

This week, our principal Aaron Hartwig was issued the Divine Call to serve as a 6th grade teacher and math instructor at Grace Lutheran School in Oshkosh. He asks sincerely for your advice and your prayers during the upcoming days as he deliberates where he can best serve in Christ's Kingdom.

## **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.

## **Upcoming Events at WLA. Mark Your Calendars!**

<b>December</b>	<b>18-20</b>	Semester Exams
	<b>19</b>	Alumni Cocoa & Cookies WLA Cafeteria, 5:30 PM Christmas Concert, 7:00 PM
	<b>20</b>	Christmas Concert, 1:00 PM
	<b>21-Jan 2</b>	No School, Christmas Break
<b>January</b>	<b>3</b>	Classes Resume
	<b>15</b>	No School, MLK Day FAFSA Night

## **Holiday Services and Concerts**

Martin Luther College Christmas Concert [www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/MLC](http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/MLC)

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Concert [www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/WLS](http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/WLS)

Dec. 15 (7 PM) – Joyful Witness Christmas Concert

Dec. 16 (2 PM) – Joyful Witness Christmas Concert

Dec. 17 (4 PM) – Children's Christmas Service

Dec. 19 (6:30 PM) – Worship at the Cross Christmas Worship

Dec. 19 (7 PM) – Winnebago Lutheran Academy Christmas Concert

Dec. 20 (1 PM) – Winnebago Lutheran Academy Christmas Concert

Dec. 21 - January 2 – Christmas Break (SPLS & WLA)

Dec. 24 (4 PM & 6 PM) – Christmas Eve Worship

Dec. 25 (9 AM) – Christmas Day Worship

Dec. 31 (6:30 PM) – New Years' Eve Worship (with communion)

Livestreams are available for almost everything these days. Most of the concerts above can be found on streaming sites for various institutions.

- St. Paul's at [stpaulslutherannfdl.com/streams](http://stpaulslutherannfdl.com/streams)
- Winnebago Lutheran Academy at [youtube.com/c/WLATV/](http://youtube.com/c/WLATV/)
- Martin Luther College at [mlc-wels.edu/streams/](http://mlc-wels.edu/streams/)
- Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary at [livestream.com/WLSLive](http://livestream.com/WLSLive)

Want other opportunities for concerts and music? Almost every Area Lutheran High School and our two synodically funded high schools Luther Preparatory School ([lps.wels.net](http://lps.wels.net)) and Michigan Lutheran Seminary ([mlsem.org](http://mlsem.org)) offer Christmas Concerts and Livestream them as well. Visit their websites and load up on the Christmas joy.

### **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](http://stpaulslutherannfdl.com/MLCdevotions).

### **Christmas Cards**

Looking for Christmas Cards to send out this season? Our library is stocked with beautiful Christmas cards and they are extremely well-priced. Find the perfect card today.

## **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!

## **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.

## **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 programs visit [stpaulslutherannfdl.com/donorooption](http://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](http://wels.net/giving).

**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

## School & Sunday School Mission Offering

The School & Sunday School Mission Offering for the first semester goes to the Military Services Committee (MSC). MSC provides face-to-face ministry to WELS military personnel serving at installations in the United States and in Europe and resources for those serving elsewhere. So far \$996.60 has been collected this semester.

## New Matching Opportunity

The window for our matching opportunity is closing soon. Any gift made to the deficit reduction fund before the New Year is matched dollar for dollar up to \$25,000. Envelopes are available in the narthex information centers. \$13,775 has been matched to date.

## 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](http://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.



## Last Week's Offerings

God's people presented the following gifts to their Lord: Current - \$10,362.91; Missions - \$596.50; Improvement - \$115; Mortgage - \$818.75; Devotional Booklets - \$14; Thanksgiving Envelopes - \$45; Preschool Tuition - \$1,149; St. Paul's Cemetery Receivership (passthrough) \$300; Extended Care - \$526.75; Deficit Reduction - \$140 [matched]; Worship at the Cross - \$500 (Electronic funds included in these gifts - \$1,958.16; all offerings totaled \$14,567.92; Weekly Budgeted Target \$18,960). 241 people attended weekend services (65, 79, 97 [livestream - 51]).

Current Fund Deficit \$148,000

Deficit Reduction \$62,603 (+\$13,775)

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.