



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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December 17 & 18, 2022		Advent 4	Hymns
Order of Service	Service Setting Two		313
	page 172		Psalm 89c (Insert)
Sermon	Matthew 1:18-25		330
			309:1-2
Impossible ... Impressive ... Immanuel			327 (Insert)
			6 ^{CW93} (Insert)

- **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 309:1-2.*

Ushers this week (17 & 18) are teams 11 (J. White), 12 (T. Schwefel), and 13 (D. Babler). Greeters are V. White, D&K Thurow, D. White. Next week (24 & 25) no teams scheduled board members will serve. Greeters feel free to fill in as needed. Our organist this week is Will Hinn. Thank you for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's!

COME, LORD JESUS! – AS IMMANUEL

This time of year it is so easy to get caught up in the beautiful trappings of Christmas and forget why this birth had to take place. Mankind fell into sin. Sin brings an awful burden. Hatred and oppression. Suffering and pain. Guilt and shame. The devastation of death. These are all natural consequences of sin. And what can we do about any of it? Nothing of substance. We can numb ourselves to pain, but we cannot avoid it. We can fill our life with distractions in an attempt to forget about our guilt. But our conscience is always nagging. And death... no one avoids that. Man can do nothing to shake off the burden of sin. Therefore, the Church prays that God would come in power to remove that burden for us. Since the Garden, there has been only one plan to do that: God would take on flesh and blood. To do what mankind could not do—remove all the burdens of sin—God became man. When you look into the manger, what do you see? A baby? Yes. But, more. That is Immanuel, “God-with-us.” The Son of God became Mary’s son, so that he could do for us what we could not do for ourselves.

Installation of Board Members &**Thanks to Outgoing Board Members – January 8th at 10:15 AM**

St. Paul’s has a few boards and positions within the congregation. On January 8th, we will take some time to install our boards for the year and thank all who have so faithfully served on boards over the last three years.

Annual Voters Meeting – January 8th 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.

Call News

Last week we announced that Mrs. LaRae Fromm and Daniel Granberg returned the calls we had extended to them. We have contacted synod and set up a call meeting for the same date as our Annual Voters Meeting, January 8th at 11:15 AM. WLA also recently had its two calls returned and will continue the calling process.

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

December 17 - 25, 2022

12/17	Sat.	6:30 PM	Worship with Lord's Supper (team #11)
12/18	Sun.	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
12/19	Mon.	6:30 PM	Church Choir Practice
		7:30 PM	Chimes Practice
12/20	Tues.	6:30 PM	Worship at the Cross - St. Paul's (volunteers welcome)
		7:00 PM	WLA Christmas Concert
12/21	Wed.	8:35 AM	Weekly Chapel Service (All Invited)
		10:00 AM	Grief Share Group
		NOON	Christmas Break Begins SPLS (classes resume 1/4)
		1:00 PM	WLA Christmas Concert
		1:00 PM	Faculty in Service at St. Paul's
		6:30 PM	Church Council
12/22	Thur.		Christmas Break Begins WLA (classes resume 1/4)
12/23	Fri.	10:30 AM	Lutheran Home Service (Pastor Kampman)
12/24	Sat.	4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Worship (candlelight)
		6:00 PM	Christmas Eve Worship (candlelight)
12/25	Sun.	9:00 AM	Christmas Day Worship

A new Bible Class has begun & we would love for you to join the fun.

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.

Thank You!!

A special thanks to all who helped us fill goodie bags for the Children's Christmas Service this afternoon. Many hands make light work and the children will love the sweet treat after the service is completed.

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 featured 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 installed a 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 (\$6,750). Again, should you wish to help offset the cost of this preventative maintenance, feel free to give something to the Improvement Fund.

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>.

Elders News

Our Board of Elders is tasked with overseeing the spiritual care of the congregation. This past week we sent out over 60 Christmas Cards to those we may not have seen in worship in a while, as well as those who may have needed a Christmas Greeting this time of year. Our school children helped in the endeavor. Creating the cards which were dispersed. Pray that the Spirit will use the work of all to bring His sheep back to the fold this Christmas.

Open Gym

We will not have open gym on Thursday nights over the Christmas Break. They will resume on January 5th at 7:30 PM. Enjoy the extra family time.

2023 Offering Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2023 are ready and available across from the mailboxes. You can find yours in alphabetical order there.

Christmas Cards

Looking for Christmas Cards to send out this season? Our library is stocked with beautiful Christmas cards at great prices. Find the perfect card today.

Stewardship by the Lectionary: Isaiah 7:10-14

When our God wants to give us something, it's the height of sinful arrogance to deny it. Yet God graciously gave Ahaz a sign anyway – the greatest of signs – the virgin birth of the Savior. What a saving wonder! God also wishes to pour out his grace to you this advent season. Make use of the added opportunities in these last weeks of the month to hear his Word and commune with your fellow Christians! Encourage others to join you in hearing the sweetest news ever: the birth of the Savior. And reflect on how God's gift to us inspires our gifts to him.

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 – \$9,061.95; Missions – \$507; Improvement – \$80; Mortgage – \$1,263.75; Devotional Booklets – \$10; Christmas Envelope – \$20; Preschool Tuition – \$1277; Extended Care – \$806.25; WLA Tuition Assistance – \$130; (Electronic funds included in these gifts – \$2,046.70; all offerings totaled \$13,125.95; Weekly target \$17,063). Worship attendance was 206: 45, 73, 88 [livestream – 32]; Joyful Witness – 225, 275; Preschool Program – 140 [livestream – 24]; **Memorials** were given to the Current Fund in honor of Paul & Dee Jasman (Lynn Pollack's parents); to the current fund in Memory of Marian Stahmann; to the Mortgage Fund in Memory of Paul Jasman and to WLA Tuition Assistance Fund in Honor of Riley Jae Muche's baptism on Dec 10, 2022 (grandchild of Clark & Christa Williams) and in memory of Marian Stahmann.