



St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

Church • School • Preschool

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Worship Schedule: Saturday at 6:30pm and Sunday at 7:45am & 10:15am

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

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

December 18 & 19, 2021		Advent 4	Hymns
Order of Service	Word & Sacrament (p26)		Gathering Rite (cf. insert)
Sermon	Luke 1:39-55		Psalm 85 p97
	As the Lord draws near ...		24
	He lifts up the Humble		9
			23
			21:1-3

Welcome to St. Paul's!

- **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 baby changing stations are to the right as you exit the church.
- **Offerings** are gathered during worship. We pass offering plates. As they go around this weekend, **we will sing hymn 9.**

Ushers this weekend (Dec. 18 & 19) are Team 16 (B. Bruss), 1 (D. Schumacher), & 2 (L. Ziemer). **Greeters** are P. Eckert, D&K Thurow, K. Robinet. Next weekend (Dec. 26) will be Teams 3-5. Greeters will be either Rick Eggers or the Jermans

God's Word This Week

Advent 4

When the Lord Comes Near, He Lifts Up the Humble. Feeling weighed down? Guilty about presents that are not as perfect as you hoped? Are year-end projects still uncompleted. What about the spiritual preparation Advent was supposed to invite? Was it largely ignored, forgotten in the busyness? If that is how we feel, perhaps the frenzy of December has actually done us a favor. Stretched to our limits, we have been made aware of our shortcomings, humbled. This is exactly what we need. For being made aware of our weaknesses does not disqualify us from God's care. It does the opposite. It is what prepares us for the work God does best. He is a God who lifts up the humbled.

December 18, 2021 – January 2, 2022

12/18	Sat.	6:30pm	Worship (team #16) with communion
12/19	Sun.	7:45am	Worship (team #1) with communion
		9:00am	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School (pre-8)
		10:15am	Worship (team #2) with communion
		4:00pm	Children's Christmas Service <i>doors don't open any earlier than 3pm</i>
12/20	Mon.	6:15pm	Public School Catechism
		6:30pm	Choir Practice
		7:30pm	Chime Practice
12/21	Tues.	6:30pm	Worship at the Cross at St. Paul's
12/22	Wed.		NO Adult Bible Class <i>Dec. 23 through Jan. 3 No School SPLS & no adult open gym durring break</i>
12/24	Fri.	4:00pm	Christmas Eve Worship
		6:00pm	Christmas Eve Worship
12/24	Sat.	9:00am	Christmas Day Worship No Saturday night Service
12/25	Sun.	9:00am	Worship (team #3)
12/31	Fri.	6:30pm	New Year's Eve Worship with communion
1/1	Sat.	6:30pm	Worship with communion (team #6)
1/2	Sun.	9:00am	Worship with communion (team #7)

Regular Service times will resume after the holidays.

New Ushering Schedules for 2022

Updated Schedules are in mailboxes and at the information centers.

Did you miss church this week?

Recorded services and live streams are available. Find all the links at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com. Looking for weekly devotions? Try <https://wels.net/serving-you/devotions>. There is a little bit of everything for everyone available from our church body.

Call News

A few weeks ago, Mr. Aaron Hartwig received a call to serve at Risen Savior Lutheran School in Mankato, MN. We can announce this weekend that Mr. Hartwig has decided to return the call and stay with us here at St. Paul's. May God bless Mr. Hartwig's ministry among us and may He supply Risen Savior Lutheran with a Principal soon.

Mortgage Commitment Cards:

Our Mortgage commitments begin in the new year. You can still fill out a card and turn it in. Extras are available in the information centers.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes are ready for 2022. Please pick up your packet, even if you plan on giving electronically. The packets contain special offering envelopes as well as the regular offering envelopes and may serve as a great offering calendar as we work our way through the packets. Just a reminder that these envelopes should not be used until 2022.

Christmas Cards

There are a variety of greeting cards available in the church library at very reasonable prices. Feel free to check them out and while you're at it, see the great books we have available in the library.

WLA NEWS

Save the Date for Let's Celebrate

WLA's Let's Celebrate Day is Sunday, January 30th, beginning at 11:30 AM. We will be serving lunch this year, and, of course, dessert and ice cream will be available to go with entertainment provided by WLA and Association music groups. We are asking for donations of pies and items for the silent auction (theme baskets, services -painting, lawn care, hairstylist, etc.). WLA will share more information about how to donate in January. Please contact Mr. Kevin Ehlke or Mrs. Johanna Yenter with questions or to donate. kehlke@wlavikings.org or jyenter@wlavikings.org.

WLA Christmas Break coincides with our break at St. Paul's. Students are off December 23rd through January 3. Please call ahead as scrip and office hours change during the break.

St. Paul's up for Kitchen Service in January!

We are set to serve again January 17-21 (only need 1 person on 18th and 19th is filled). We are also up Feb 28-Mar 4! There is a sign-up sheet on the information center in the narthex or signup online: <http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/WLAKitchen>

Stewardship Thought

On a spiritual plane, God is the Owner of all things (Ps 24:1). As the Owner, he entrusts various gifts to His household (believers). He gives us, or better, entrusts to us, our time, our talents, our treasures, and tells us to exercise careful and faithful management of them. A mark of a careful and faithful manager is that he uses what has been entrusted to him in a way that is consistent with the wishes of the owner. Christian stewardship can thus be defined as the Christian's careful and faithful management of everything that God has entrusted to him. Another way of putting it: Stewardship is managing God's resources to carry out God's mission. Applying this definition to the specific area of the giving of offerings, *stewardship of giving is the Christian's careful and faithful management of the money God has given him to help carry out the mission God has established for his church.*

Offerings

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

- Give your offering during worship as the plates are passed around.
- Drop it off in the "birdhouse" post near the office/school entrance.
- Send it to St. Paul's Lutheran, 1010 Adams Ave., NFDL, 54937.
- Electronic Options: (use a checking account, debit card, or credit card.)

NOTE: Search for Fond du Lac or North Fond du Lac to find our church

- online giving at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/offerings
- "Vanco Mobile" app found through your phone's app store.
- Paper sign-ups are also available at the information center the table in front of the office, or on our website to set up automatic withdrawal. Contact the office if you require any assistance.

Last Week's Offerings

God's people joyfully brought these gifts: Current – \$12,200.15; Missions - \$1,585; Improvement - \$170; Mortgage - \$3,034.75; Christmas Envelopes - \$100; Facilities Usage - \$100; Hymnal Fund - \$5; WLA Tuition Assistance - \$500 (Electronic funds included in these gifts - \$3434.90; all offerings totaled \$17,694.90; Weekly target \$16,770). 212 people attended regular weekend services (64,70,78, livestream = 23). 385 people attended the Joyful witness concerts at our facility. 110 people attended our Preschool Christmas Service Sunday Morning.

A Memorial was given to the Hymnal Fund in loving memory of Susan Wagner.