



# 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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## Christmas News and Notes

*Specific worship information can be found in the worship folders for  
Christmas Eve or Christmas Day*

### 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, 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.

### Ushers & Greeters

This week and next are unscheduled due to the holiday season. Please feel free to fill in as you are able. Thank you for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's!

## Christmas Eve and Day

At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus into the world. “<sup>9</sup> *This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.* <sup>10</sup> *This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.* (1 John 4:9-10)” God’s Son took on flesh to live, die, and rise again that you might have the gift of forgiveness of sins, a life lived wrapped in the assurances of God and Hope of Salvation, heaven forever with God. Those are facts worth celebrating!

As for the date, December 25, the historical reason is uncertain. Some have posited that it was chosen as a counterpoint to a pagan Roman festival. Another theory puts Christmas nine months after March 25, the vernal equinox which was usually the celebration of the Annunciation to Mary (when the angel gave Mary the news that she would give birth to the Son of God).

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### December 24 – January 1, 2022

12/24	<b>Sat.</b>	4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Worship (candlelight)
		6:00 PM	Christmas Eve Worship (candlelight)
12/25	<b>Sun.</b>	9:00 AM	Christmas Day Worship
12/26	<b>Mon.</b>		<i>Catechism, Choir, Chimes are all on break</i>
12/28	<b>Wed.</b>		<i>Adult Bible Class on break</i>
12/30	<b>Fri.</b>	10:30 AM	Lutheran Home Service (Pastor Ehlert)
12/31	<b>Sat.</b>	6:30 PM	New Year’s Eve Worship with Lord’s Supper
1/1	<b>Sun.</b>	7:45 AM	Regular Sunday Worship with Lord’s Supper
		10:15 AM	Regular Sunday Worship with Lord’s Supper

## Installation of Board Members &

### Thanks to Outgoing Board Members – January 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 AM

St. Paul’s has 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 on boards over the last three years.

### Annual Voters Meeting with Call 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 extend calls at this meeting.

## **Tree Removal**

A few trees on the East side of the School need to come down. The roots are getting a bit rotten and the trunks are losing bark. Better to take them down when we can control it rather than letting nature blow them into the building someday. We will look into replacement in the spring. Should you wish to donate a tree let one of our officers on the board of properties (Dave Jackson, Tony Hettenhaus, Jacob Slattery) know or contact the office. *We hope to remove the trees in the next week, weather permitting. If you would like to help, contact Dave Jackson at (920) 979-3900.*

## **Ushers & Greeters Lists for the New Year**

Ushers teams and lists have been set for 2023. They have also been placed in the mailboxes of those ushering. The same is true of our greeters for the coming year. Still want to get on those lists in the future? Please contact the office so we can get your name on the list for 2024! We appreciate the help as we seek to properly greet our members and guests as they enter the building for worship. A friendly face goes a long way.

## **Bible Information Classes (Membership Classes)**

Want to learn more about St. Paul's and the teachings of God's Holy Word? We would like to begin a BIC in the new year between services on Sunday mornings. We currently utilize a course entitled "Basic Bible Christianity: A study in the truths of the Christian Faith" Any who are interested may join us as we make our way through the 15 lessons it contains. At the end of the course participants are invited, should they wish, to become communicant members of St. Paul's and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Contact a pastor today so we can make sure to have a course book ready for you.

## **Bible Classes, Sunday School, Catechism Classes**

We will get back at it in the new year. Bible Class will start Wednesday, January 4 at 8:45 AM. Sunday School begins again Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM and Catechism Class is set to reconvene on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Enjoy the break and we'll see you all in worship.

## **2023 Offering Envelopes**

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

## **Open Gym**

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

## **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>.

## **Stewardship by the Lectionary: John 1:1-14 (Gospel for Christmas Day)**

These first words of John's gospel reveal to us that we are celebrating more than the birthday of a little baby who was born in Bethlehem. We are celebrating the visible entrance of God's Son into our sinful world and personal lives. We are celebrating the entrance of the one who also gets the credit for the creation of the world, for the light of salvation that has been turned on in our lives, and for our adoption as children of God. This message gives us all the motivation we will ever need to join the wise men in bringing gifts to our Savior's church. Our gifts are turned into gospel action in our local congregation and through our worldwide church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. 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 – \$8,775.32; Missions – \$926; Improvement – \$340; Mortgage – \$6,668; Thanksgiving Envelopes – \$20; Christmas Envelopes – \$598; Facilities Usage – \$1500; Extended Care – \$229.98; Children's Christmas Service – \$671.25; Altar Fund - \$10; Hymnal Fund – \$20; (Electronic funds included in these gifts – \$4,943.32; all offerings totaled \$19,798.55; Weekly target \$17,063). Worship attendance was 169: 52, 50, 67 [livestream – 39]; Children's Christmas Service – 315 [livestream – 59]; **Memorials** were given to the Current Fund in honor of the Beaster Family.