



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 or follow us www.facebook.com/stpaulsnfdl

December 2 & 3	Advent 1	Hymns
Order of Service:	The Service: Setting One page 154: No Gloria	Gathering Rite 548 (Psalm 24)
Sermon:	Mark 11:1-10	301
God Sees You! God Saves You!		315:4,6 309 & 320
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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 315:4,6.*

Ushers this week (2 & 3) teams are 9 (J. White), 10 (T. Schwefel), 11 (D. Babler). Greeters are V. White, J&L Jerman, and D. White. Next week (9 & 10) will be teams 1 (D. Schumacher), 2 (L. Ziemer), 3 (M. Peachy). Greeters will be B. Oelke, K&J Kovalaske, and K&L Robinet. Our organist this week is Trevor Kuphal. Thank you all for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's.

THE KING SHALL COME: HE IS COMING TO SAVE US

Rulers plan, administrate, and govern. They typically do not save. If your house is on fire, it will not be the mayor who shows up to save you from the flames. If America were attacked, the President would serve as the commander in chief of the armed forces. The President would not pick up a weapon, go to the front lines, and fight to save you from the enemy.

Jesus is different. He is both infinitely greater than all other rulers, yet also infinitely humbler. He does not consider it beneath His rank as King to risk His life for His subjects. He is willing to fight for us. He is willing to die for us. Our King Jesus came into our world for one reason – to save us.

December 2 – 10, 2023

12/2	Sat.	8:30 AM	Church Decorating
		4:00 PM	WLA Winter Band Concert
		6:30 PM	WORSHIP with Holy Communion [#9]
12/3	Sun.	7:45 AM	WORSHIP with Holy Communion [#10]
		9:00 AM	Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Bible Information/New Member Class
		10:15 AM	WORSHIP with Holy Communion [#11]
		1:00 PM	Joyful Witness Practice
12/4	Mon.	6:15 PM	Public/Homeschool Catechism Class
		6:30 PM	Choir Practice
		7:30 PM	Chimes Practice
12/5	Tues.	3:30 PM	Board of Elders
		6:10 PM	Advent by Candlelight (WInGS)
12/6	Wed.	8:45 AM	Adult Bible Class
		4:15 PM	SPLS Basketball Home vs. St. Luke's, Oakfield (B Girls 4:15 PM, B Boys 5:15 PM, A Boys 6:15 PM)
12/7	Tues.	6:00 PM	Board of Christian Education
12/8	Fri.	8:35 AM	School Chapel (Mr. Mathwig)
		12:00 PM	Noon Dismissal SPLS (Faculty In-Service)
12/9	Sat.	6:30 PM	WORSHIP [#6]
12/10	Sun.	7:45 AM	WORSHIP [#7]
		9:00 AM	Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Bible Information/New Member Class
		10:15 AM	WORSHIP [#8]
		1:00 PM	Joyful Witness Practice

St. Paul's Lutheran School (Pre & 3-4) Sing at 10:15 AM

Preschool and Grades 3&4 are singing in our Late Service this Sunday. Singing is just one way that our children show their appreciation for the tremendous support our congregation gives to our school through her offerings. Our Preschool teacher is Mrs. Megan Schoenbach and grades 3-4 are taught by Mrs. Kristin Kampman. If you would like to learn more about St. Paul's or how to enroll your child in one of our Christ-centered classrooms, contact our Principal, Mr. Aaron Hartwig.

Advent by Candlelight, this Tuesday!

Our Women In God's Service (WInGS) Group is putting on its annual Advent by Candlelight event for all women of the congregation. They will begin at 6:00 PM on December 5th with snacks and fellowship. ½ hour of games will follow at 6:30 PM and the Advent by Candlelight presentation will start around 7:00 PM. As one member and regular attendee put it, "It's always just so wonderful and a special way to prepare for the celebration of our Savior's birth." *Sign up by the Martin Luther Room if you plan on attending so the ladies can prepare the fellowship hall accordingly.*

Christmas Decorating Thanks!!

A "Thank You" is in order for all who helped decorate for the Advent & Christmas Seasons here at church. Many hands made light work as we set up trees, decorations, banners, and did all kinds of rearranging. Thanks for your time!

Children's Christmas Service - December 17 at 4:00PM

Our children will gather together and sing their praises to God again this year on December 17 at 4:00 pm. Only one *Christmas Practice is scheduled this year on December 16 at 8:30 am.* We will be getting goodie bags together at that time as well. If you would like to donate candy/items for those bags feel free to drop donations by the office during regular business hours.

Christmas Cookie Decorating: All are invited!

On Saturday, December 16th after the Children's Christmas Practice concludes at 9:45 AM, our Christian Education Society will be hosting Christmas Cookie Decorating in the fellowship hall. Everyone at St. Paul's Church and School is invited to come! If you would like to sign up to bring cookies, icing, sprinkles, etc, please check out this link, www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/cookie.

Police Benevolent Association: Food for Families

Thanks to your generosity we were able to donate \$628.25 to the NfdL Police Benevolent Association: Food for Families program. The Police Benevolent Association adopts a number of area families for the Christmas holiday and provides them with gifts and groceries. The employees of the police department look forward to having the opportunity to brighten the holiday season for area families that are in need of a little assistance. This is important to the police department because it's an opportunity to help others, and it allows officers to interact with residents in a more positive light. *This holiday season we have been able to give over \$1,400 to help those either in our community or at our Seminary!*

Joyful Witness Concerts

Joyful Witness will once again be putting on its annual Christmas Concerts. We are once again blessed to be their venue for the event as well. December 15 at 7:00 PM and December 16 at 2:00 PM come and listen as area voices present "*No Other Name*".

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.

WLA Kitchen Volunteers – Looking for helpers Dec. 18 & 19

WLA asks congregations to fill volunteer positions in the cafeteria each year. *St. Paul's has been assigned Exam week, December 18, 19, and 20.* A signup sheet is available at the Narthex information centers or online at stpaulslutherannfdl.com/WLAKitchen should you wish to volunteer. Kitchen helpers are asked to be at WLA from 9:30 am until 1:30 pm on the days they sign up. Thank you!

Upcoming Events at WLA. Mark Your Calendars!

December	2	Band Concert
	18-20	Semester Exams
	19	Christmas Concert 7 PM
	20	Christmas Concert 1 PM
	21-Jan 2	Christmas Break

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

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!

Poinsettias for Christmas

Poinsettias are available for purchase to decorate our Church this coming Christmas. *Envelopes are available in the Narthex by Martin Luther Room under the picture of Jesus.* 6-inch pots are \$13 and 8-inch pots (2 plants) are \$30. Gifts and memorials will be listed in our Christmas service folders.

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 gift programs visit 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.

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. They usually go pretty quickly. Get one while our supply lasts.

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



- 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.

New Matching Opportunity

Some generous members have offered to match deficit reduction funds dollar for dollar up to \$25,000 through the end of 2023. Envelopes are available in the narthex but any envelope marked deficit reduction will do. Members, please record your offering envelope # to include your gift in your yearly giving totals. \$10,285 has been matched.

Last Week's Offerings

God's people presented the following gifts to their Lord: Current - \$5,889.37; Missions - \$574.50; Improvement - \$65; Mortgage - \$1,664.75; Food for families - \$628.25; Thanksgiving Envelopes - \$3,548.75; Preschool Tuition - \$222; Extended Care - \$638; Deficit Reduction - \$1,265 [matched]; WInGS - \$20; Altar Fund - \$30; Audio/Visual Fund - \$20; hand Chime Fund - \$25; St. Paul's Student Aid - \$75 (Electronic funds included in these gifts - \$2,253.02; all offerings totaled \$14,665.62; Weekly Budgeted Target \$18,960). 200 people attended Thanksgiving services (136, 64 [livestream - 29]) & 181 people attended weekend services (64, 51, 66 [livestream - 25]). **Flowers on the Altar** were given in celebration of Sue Hagen's 53rd Wedding Anniversary.

Current Fund Deficit \$140,041.53

Deficit Reduction \$59,112.65(+\$10,285)

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.