



St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

Church • School • Preschool

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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 3 & 4, 2022		Advent 2	Hymns
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	Christian Worship page 154		Psalms 130b
Sermon	Matthew 3:1-12		316
	The Judge Is Near!		317:1,4
	Repentance is our preparation.		320 & 312
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- **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 317:1,4**.*

Ushers this week (3 & 4) will be teams 5 (J. Mathwig), 6 (B. Tabbert), and 7 (M. Ewerdt). Greeters will be J. White, R. Eggers, and B. Ewerdt. Next week (10 & 11) will be teams 8 (J. Laudolff), 9 (D. Preissner), and 10 (C. Williams). Greeters will be B&E Davies, K&J Kovalaskes, K. Fischer. Our Organist this week is Trevor Kuphal. Thank you for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's!

God's Word This Week

Advent 2

COME LORD JESUS! AS JUDGE

When Jesus returns as judge, everyone will face a binary outcome. Either they will be judged righteous and experience the perfection of Paradise. Or they will be judged wicked and suffer unquenchable fire (Matt. 3).

John the Baptist's job was to point to the only way to prepare for a judgment where the stakes are that high. Repent! And turn to Jesus. For when Jesus came into our world the first time, it was not as judge, but as Savior. All whose faith is in Christ are already righteous.

Please, take these words to heart: the reign of God draws near, and His judgment is inevitable. As John the Baptist once said, "All people will see God's salvation." The only question is if one sees Christ's second coming with joy or regret. For those who fail to repent, the coming of the Judge brings certain doom. But His people will see that Judge like a banner on the hilltop, rallying us to his glorious side.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

December 3 - 11, 2022

12/3	Sat.	6:30 PM	Worship with Lord's Supper (team #5)
12/4	Sun.	7:45 AM	Worship with Lord's Supper (team #6)
		9:00 AM	Bible Study & Sunday School
		10:15 AM	Worship with Lord's Supper 1-2 gr. sing (team #7)
12/5	Mon.	6:00 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
		7:30 PM	Chimes Practice
12/6	Tues.	10:00 AM	Board of Properties
		6:30 PM	Advent By Candlelight (fellowship begins at 6pm)
12/7	Wed.	8:45 AM	Bible Class: the Book of Colossians
		10:00 AM	Grief Share Group
		5:30 PM	Board of Christian Education
12/8	Thurs.	5:00 PM	Joyful Witness Practice
12/9	Fri.	8:35 AM	Weekly Chapel Service (All Invited)
		7:00 PM	Joyful Witness Concert
12/10	Sat.	8:30 PM	Children's Christmas Service Practice
		2:00 PM	Joyful Witness Concert
		6:30 PM	Worship & WLA Building Presentation (team #8)
12/11	Sun.	7:45 AM	Worship & WLA Building Presentation (team #9)
		9:00 AM	Pre-K Christmas Program
		9:00 AM	Sunday School (no Bible Study)
		10:15 AM	Worship & WLA Building Presentation (team #10)

Advent by Candlelight

The ladies of WinGS are once again preparing for Advent by Candlelight, a program of narration, reading, music, and prayer, all designed to focus on Christ, our Savior. The event is Tuesday, December 6 starting with fellowship and treats at 6:00 pm, with the presentation beginning at 6:30. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Guests are welcome and encouraged! (You can come even if you didn't sign up.) *We're also having a food drive, which will go to the Fond du Lac Food Pantry.* Food items can be placed in the boxes provided. We hope to see you there!

Poinsettias for Christmas

Help us deck the halls this Christmas with beautiful flowers for the church. Envelopes are available in the Narthex. This year a 6-inch plant is \$13 and an 8-inch pot (2 plants in a pot) is \$30. We do need to give our final count by Monday, December 12 to ensure the plants are here by Christmas.

Upcoming Christmas Practices

Christmas practice for the Children's Christmas service is right around the corner! Saturday, December 10 and 17 from 8:30 AM until 9:45 AM, we will be getting ready for one of the year's biggest services. All children in Sunday School or at St. Paul's School participate. Please have your child here promptly so we can get the most out of practices. Also moms and dads, on December 17, during practice, we will assemble goodie bags for the children to be handed out after the service. If you could stick around and help get those together it usually only takes about a half hour or so. The Children's Christmas Service is set for December 18 at 4:00 PM.

Pre-K Christmas Program

Our Preschool & Kindergarten Christmas Program for St. Paul's Lutheran School is scheduled for next Sunday, December 11th between services. This is perhaps the cutest service of the year and it always warms the heart to hear our young boys and girls proclaim the truths of the Savior's birth. Consider joining the fun and fellowship next Sunday at 9:00 AM.

Joyful Witness Christmas Concert

It is our pleasure to once again host the Joyful Witness Concert here at St. Paul's. December 9 at 7:00 PM and December 10 at 2:00 PM (mistakenly reads 3:00 PM on your calendars), Joyful Witness presents *The Gift*. Consider making time for this beautiful music with an eternally rich and wonderful meaning.

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.

Call News

The voters of our congregation extended two Divine Calls on Sunday November 20. One, to fill our preschool vacancy, was extended to ***Mrs. LaRae Fromm*** (414) 333-9070, who is currently serving at St. Jacobi Lutheran School in Greenfield, WI. The second call, to fill our upcoming 1st-2nd grade vacancy left as Mrs. Becky Miller retires at the end of the year has been extended to ***Mr. Daniel Granberg*** (262) 353-0890. He is currently serving in Simpsonville, South Carolina at Abiding Peace Academy. Please keep Mrs. Fromm and Mr. Granberg in your prayers as they contemplate where they can best serve in Christ's gospel ministry.

As he was trying to reach out to our potential new teachers, ***Mr. Aaron Hartwig*** also received a Divine Call from Trinity Lutheran, our WELS congregation and school in Belle Plaine, MN to be principal and teacher.

We will keep Mrs. Fromm, Mr. Granberg, and Mr. Hartwig in our prayers as they deliberate these calls knowing that in all things and in every decision, God will work for the eternal benefit of His people. Should you wish to reach out to any of them and need a number to reach them please contact the Office.

Grief Share Group

We have begun our Grief Share group meeting Wednesdays at 10:00 AM entitled, *Mourning Has Broken*. We hope that these hour-long sessions will be able to add a little extra support for those who may be grieving this holiday season. Please feel free to join in at any time.

Christmas Cards

Looking for Christmas Cards to send out this season? Our library was just stocked with beautiful Christmas cards just for you and they are extremely well-priced. Peruse the boxes today and find the perfect card to say Merry Christmas to friends and family.

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>.

Last Call for Ushering and Greeting Changes

Please let Pastor Kampman or the office know if any changes need to be made. We are very short for greeters. If you would be willing to help, please let us know as soon as possible. Thank you.

HOLY COMMUNION

Today we have the privilege of receiving Christ's body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Through this sacrament, the Holy Spirit grants the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Scriptures also teach that as we commune together, we publicly testify to a complete unity of faith based on 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 the pastors before communing with us. Thank you.

Stewardship by the Lectionary: Isaiah 11:1-10

It's refreshing when someone delivers on what they've promised to you, refreshing because we struggle with unfulfilled promises every day in this sinful world. Here's one of the many promises that our Savior God has fulfilled in you. He has brought you into his Church through the work of his Son, the Branch from Jesse's stump. And in that Church, you enjoy the peace of forgiveness and a loving relationship with the holy God. How many others are there in our world that still need to be brought into his Church by faith in Jesus? That's our mission. May the Lord richly bless your efforts in carrying out and supporting that work! 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 – \$7,174.30; Missions – \$530; Improvement – \$105; Mortgage – \$953.75; Thanksgiving Envelopes – \$4675; Devotional Booklets - \$97; Preschool Tuition - \$222; Extended Care - \$1424.50; WLA Building Fund - \$50; Worship at the Cross – \$25; St. Paul's Student Aid - \$40; Organ/Piano Fund - \$20; **A Memorial** was given to worship at the cross in honor of Bernard & Sue Hagen's 52nd Wedding Anniversary on Dec. 5 (Electronic funds included in these gifts – \$2,052.50; all offerings totaled \$15,316.55; Weekly target \$17,063). Worship attendance on Thanksgiving was 112 & 60 [livestream – 40] and over the weekend 78, 41, 98 [livestream – 37).