



# 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 30 & 31	Christmas 1	Hymns
<b>Order of Service:</b>	The Service of the Word Folder in pew/hymnal	356 504 (Psalm 111)
<b>Sermon:</b>	Luke 2:22-40	355 351:1,4
Peace in a Small Package		330 950

### 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 351:1,4.*

**Ushers** this week (30 & 31) teams are 10 (T. Schwefel), 11 (D. Babler)/1 (D. Schumacher). Greeters are C. Kitchen and D. White/Kampmans. Next week (6 & 7) [back to regular worship schedule] teams will be 2 (L. Ziemer), 3 (M. Peachy), & 4 (C. Hintz). Greeters will be B. Oelke, R. Eggers, & K&L Robinet. Our organist is Will Hinn. Thank you all for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's.

## God's Word This Week:

**Christmas 1**

GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY: PEACE ON EARTH!

On Christmas Eve a choir of angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." So, where is this peace on earth? Between nations? There are always wars going on somewhere. In our country? Disagreements have only grown more contentious, one group screaming angrily at another group. We might not even have perfect peace in our homes! So, what were the angels singing about?

They were singing about peace between a holy God who hates sin and human beings who sin every day. Because of what Christ did as our Savior, there is no hostility between us and God, only peace and love. We have the peace of salvation in our hearts. As we draw near the end of life, like elderly Simeon or Anna, we have the peace of knowing of the glorious eternal life that is to come. As this peace with God fills our hearts, it moves us to live in peace with each other too.

### **December 30, 2023 – January 7, 2024**

12/30	<b>Sat.</b>	6:30 PM	WORSHIP [#10]
12/31	<b>Sun.</b>	9:00 AM	WORSHIP [#11/1]
		6:30 PM	NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP with Lord's Supper
1/1	<b>Mon.</b>		New Year's Day SPLS & WLA on Christmas Break – Jan. 2 No Catechism Class, Choir or Chimes Practice
1/2	<b>Tues.</b>	6:15 PM	WInGS (Potluck Meeting – Bring a dish to pass)
1/3	<b>Wed.</b>	8:30 AM	Return to School SPLS & WLA NO Adult Bible Class on Break until Jan. 10
1/4	<b>Thur.</b>	7:00 PM	Open Gym
1/5	<b>Fri.</b>	4:15 PM	Pioneer Basketball away vs. Mt. Calvary (C Girls 4:15, C Boys 4:50, B Girls 5:30, B Boys 6:30, A Boys 7:30)
		5:30 PM	A Girls at Redeemer vs. St. John's Lomira
1/6	<b>Sat.</b>	9:00 AM	LWMS Board Meeting
		6:30 PM	EPIPHANY WORSHIP with Lord's Supper [#2]
1/7	<b>Sun.</b>	7:45 AM	EPIPHANY WORSHIP with Lord's Supper [#3]
		9:00 AM	Sunday School (NO Bible Class – begins 1/10)
		10:15 AM	EPIPHANY WORSHIP with Lord's Supper [#4]

### ***2024 Offering Envelopes Available Across from the Mailboxes***

*Please get your envelopes as our elders will seek to deliver those which aren't picked up in February.*

## **Divine Call News**

Our Principal, Mr. Aaron Hartwig was issued the Divine Call to serve as a 6th grade teacher and math instructor at Grace Lutheran School in Oshkosh. He asks sincerely for your advice and your prayers during the upcoming days as he deliberates where he can best serve in Christ's Kingdom.

## **Preschool Aide Needed in the New Year**

We are very grateful for the past few months of service provided by Mrs. Lauren Graumann, who served quite capably as our Preschool Aide. Mrs. Graumann will need to discontinue her role as aide when we resume classes in January, so we will need to fill the preschool aide position with a new candidate ASAP.

Preschool is full of joy and energy! The youngest members of our student body really can be some of the most rewarding to work with as they are just beginning to learn and socialize. It is a joy to watch the little lights turn on in their minds as they discover all they can do. If you are interested in serving in Mrs. Schoenbach's classroom with her 16 three and four-year-olds, please let Mr. Hartwig, or the office, know.

## **Return to Regular Schedule.**

Having cleared the Christmas and New Year's celebrations which landed on Sundays this year, we will return to our regular schedule next week in worship.

## **Installation of New Board Members**

We will install new board members at our 10:15 am service January 14<sup>th</sup>. We will also be thanking outgoing board members and those who have and continue to serve our congregation in other capacities.

## **Annual Voter's Meeting**

Our Annual Voter's Meeting is set for January 14<sup>th</sup> after our late service (around 11:15 AM). The big agenda item is the Annual Budget however an annual membership change review and a few other items are on the agenda as well.

## **Calendars for 2024**

Only a few WInGS Calendars remain! \$5 takes one home. Get yours by the Martin Luther Room.

## **New Adult Bible Class**

Adult Bible Classes will begin again Wednesday, January 10 and Sunday, January 14. We will be using *This We Believe* a booklet that is put out by our synod (WELS) seeking to explain the teachings of God's Holy Word. It is a basic overview of the truths given by God and offers Scriptural passages that explain why we do what we do. You can find it electronically at [www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/thiswebelieve](http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/thiswebelieve). Hard copies will also be available each week within the class materials.

## **Family Skate Event – Monday, January 1, 2024**

Our Christian Education Society has reserved Korneli's on Monday, January 1, 2024 from 4:00-7:00 pm. There is a \$5.00 admission fee per person and \$3.00 (skate) or \$5.00 (rollerblade) rental per person. You and your family can enjoy the company of other St. Paul's families while we have fun skating the late afternoon away (and hopefully not getting injured!). The skating rink would like us to know that folks can bring their own skates if they're appropriate for the floor, and that concessions will be available for purchase. We hope to see you there! (Korneli's on the Avenue is located at 605 Fond du Lac Avenue).

## **Pastoral Visitation**

Just a reminder that our pastors are here to help. *We make visits in hospitals* (even outside of Fond du Lac) should you find yourself within one. We come with devotions and the Lord's Supper to offer comfort and assurance. We also visit our members who are unable to make it out to church. Contact a pastor and we can add you to our *shut-in or part-time shut-in lists*. Monthly visits (more if needed), cards from students and members, and phone calls are all designed to let you know we are thinking about you and that you are not forgotten. *Just want to talk?* We are here for that too. We can discuss anything that might be troubling you or rejoice with you in times of success.

## **Upcoming Events at WLA. Mark Your Calendars!**

**December 21 – January 2** No School, Christmas Break

### **January**

**3** Classes Resume

**15** No School, MLK Day  
FAFSA Night

### **February**

**16** Virtual Learning Day

**19** No School

**28** Blood Drive

**You thought Dad jokes were groan worthy ...  
A little giggle to greet the coming year.**

1. What did Jonah's family say when he told them about what happened before reaching Nineveh? "Hmm, sounds fishy."
2. Which Bible character was super-fit? *Absalom*.
3. What did Adam say when he was asked his favorite holiday? "It's Christmas, Eve."
4. What did pirates call Noah's boat? "The *arrrrrrk*."
5. Why didn't anyone want to fight Goliath? It seemed like a *giant* ordeal.
6. What kind of car would Jesus drive? A Christler.
7. Which nursery song would Jesus have heard the most? "Mary Had a Little Lamb."
8. Why did Adam and Eve do math every day? They were told to be fruitful and multiply.
9. What did Daniel tell his real estate agent? "I'd prefer a house with no den."
10. Who in the Bible knew the most people? Abraham knew a Lot.
11. How did Joseph make his coffee? *Hebrewed* it.
12. How do you know Pharaoh was athletic? He had a court.
13. Which Bible character was the best musician? Samson—he brought the house down.
14. What's a miracle that can be done by a complainer? Turning anything into *whine*.
15. Where was Solomon's Temple located? On the side of his head.

*Oh, come on ... you smiled a few times. We know it!*

## School & Sunday School Mission Offering

The School & Sunday School Mission Offering for the first semester goes to the Military Services Committee (MSC). MSC provides face-to-face ministry to WELS military personnel serving at installations in the United States and in Europe and resources for those serving elsewhere. So far \$1,052.76 has been collected this semester.

## Matching Opportunity Exceeded!

We are happy to announce that we exceeded the total for matching gifts by \$9,545 this Christmas! This is an amazing blessing. We thank all who donated to the ongoing work here at St. Paul's.

## 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](http://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.



## Last Week's Offerings

God's people presented the following gifts to their Lord: Current - \$16,512.70; Missions - \$473.50; Improvement - \$90; Mortgage - \$1,813.75; Christmas Eve Envelopes - \$3,778.01; Christmas Day Envelopes - \$3,947; Poinsettias - \$755; Deficit Reduction - \$45,120 (includes \$25,000 match); Worship at the Cross - \$24.05; Audio/Visual - \$25; St. Paul's Student Aid \$20 (Electronic funds included in these gifts - \$2,252.88; all offerings totaled \$72,559.01; Weekly Budgeted Target \$18,960). 114 people attended weekend services (45, 65 [livestream - 35]). 397 attended the Christmas Eve Services (325, 72 [livestream - 51]) and 150 attended the Christmas Day Service [livestream - 69].

Current Fund Deficit \$139,175

Deficit Reduction \$108,373

Current Fund Checking \$44,560

Current Fund Savings \$171,749

Deficit reduction subtracted from the Current Fund Deficit gives the current total behind.