



St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

Church • School • Preschool

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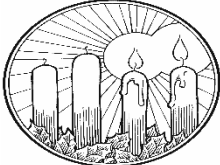
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Worship Schedule: Saturday at 6:30pm and Sunday at 7:45am & 10:15am

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

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December 4 & 5, 2021	Advent 2	Hymns
<p>Order of Service</p> <p>Sermon</p> 	<p>Common Service (p15)</p> <p>Malachi 3:1-7b</p> <p><i>When the Lord Draws Near He humbles His people</i></p>	<p>Gathering Rite (cf. insert) 4:1-4 (Ps. 24) 16 14:1-2 377 11:1-2</p>

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. After the offering has been gathered, *please stand and sing hymn 14:1-2.*

Ushers this weekend (Dec. 4 & 5) are Team 10 (D. Preissner), 11 (C. Williams), & 12 (J. White). Greeters are J. White, K. Fischer, V. White. Next weekend (Dec. 11 & 12) will be Team 13 (T. Schwefel), 14 (D. Babler), & 15 (B. Tabbert). Greeters will be P. Brennan, D. White, Kampmans.

God's Word This Week

Advent 2

When the Lord Comes Near, He humbles His people. People tend to feel a lot of pressure this time of year. We want our houses to look good for out-of-town guests. We want to impress people with the thoughtfulness of our gifts. What a welcome relief, therefore, to hear what is required to meet the Lord: only repentance. You see Jesus is not someone we need to impress with our good works. Indeed, repentance is the opposite of work. Repentance is the humble admission of our sin combined with the joyful trust that everything needed to bring us close to God has already been done by Him.

Special thanks to our Junior Choir for singing at our Saturday service this week. They sang "King of Glory" by Chris Tomlin and Jesse Reeves. It is an adaptation of the psalm of the day, Psalm 24. It is always a special blessing to hear the young people from our school sing to the Glory of God in worship.

December 4-12, 2021

12/4	Sat.	6:30pm	Worship with Communion & Junior Choir (team #10)
12/5	Sun.	7:45am	Worship with Communion (team #11)
		9:00am	Sunday School (pre-8) & Bible Class
		10:15am	Worship with Communion (team #12)
12/6	Mon.	6:15pm	Public School Catechism
		6:30pm	Advent by Candlelight practice
12/7	Tues.	6:00pm	Advent by Candlelight
12/8	Wed.	8:45am	No Adult Bible Class
12/9	Thurs.	6:00pm	Board of Christian Education
12/10	Fri.	7:00pm	Joyful Witness Christmas Concert
12/11	Sat.	8:30am	K-8 Christmas Practice
		2:00pm	Joyful Witness Christmas Concert
		6:30pm	Worship (team #13)
12/12	Sun.	7:45am	Worship (team #14)
		9:00am	Sunday School
		9:00am	Preschool Christmas Service
		10:15am	Worship (team #15)

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.

A few offering opportunities are drawing to a close.

- ***New Christian Worship Hymnals:*** We hope to make an order at the end of this next week. If you were still planning on donating a hymnal please contact the office as soon as possible.
- ***Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Student Christmas Offering:*** Gift cards are being purchased this week. We were able to gather almost \$600 to support the future pastors of our synod. Thank you for your generosity.
- ***Mortgage Commitment Cards:*** We would like to begin the process of entering and making reports for Mortgage commitments so that things are up and running for the new year. To keep this process efficient, please get your mortgage commitment cards in as soon as possible. Extras are available in the information center in the entryway.

Ushering List Update

Updated Ushering Schedules are in your mailboxes. We tried to ensure that the teams were a little more reliable by condensing our list and shuffling the deck a bit. You may not be on the same team you were before so please check over everything carefully. Let your team leader and Pastor Kampman know if something isn't quite right.

2022 Calendars

The ladies of our WInGS (Women In God's Service) group have once again made 2022 Calendars available for \$5.00 each. There are only a few left on the information center in the entryway. We do ask that you only take a calendar if you pay for them. Checks should be made payable to St. Paul's WInGS.

Adult Open Gym

We would love to get our hour of basketball going again. We plan on getting together on Thursday nights at 8:00pm (at least to start). The more the merrier. If we get enough for two teams we will play full-court basketball but subs are always appreciated. All skill levels are welcome. Come run around for an hour and pretend your young again.

Christmas Decorating

A special thanks goes to all who helped get the church ready for the many Christmas celebrations which begin already this coming week. Many hands always make light work and many voices make the work enjoyable.

Poinsettias for Christmas

The envelopes to order poinsettias for our Christmas Services (Eve and Day and beyond) are available in the church library. As usual, a list of plants given in memory or in honor of loved ones will be placed in our service folders on Christmas Eve and Day. A 6-inch poinsettia is \$12 and an 8-inch poinsettia (2 plants in a pot) is \$28. Please return envelopes with payment to the marked box in the library.

Advent By Candlelight

WinGS will again be hosting Advent by Candlelight, an opportunity to focus on the reason we celebrate Christmas. This year's program will feature "eyewitnesses" taking us through the life of Christ. This precious little baby was a gift from God, given to us to save us from our sins. Let us ever be joyful for that greatest gift! *"Moments with the Savior" will be presented Tuesday, December 7. We'll start with fellowship at 6:00 pm, followed by the program in the church at 6:30.* Members and guests are welcome! Please sign up in the narthex so we have an approximation of how many guests to expect.

Joyful Witness Christmas Concerts

Joyful Witness is back!! Once again Joyful Witness will be with us to proclaim the triumphant truths of Christmas in song. Join them as they reflect on the Savior's birth. This year the Concert Theme is Once Upon a Night. They will be here Friday, December 10th at 7:00pm and Saturday, December 11th at 2:00pm. Come join in the joy of the birth of Jesus!

Preschool Christmas Service

We wouldn't want to leave out some of our smallest voices! St. Paul's Little Pioneers Preschool is scheduled to have their service between services on Sunday, December 12 at 9:00am. They work hard every year and always conduct a joyful and possibly one of the cutest services of the year. All are welcome! Some cookies will be available in the fellowship hall following their service.

Children's Christmas Service Practices (ALL CHILDREN)

Once again, this year we will be able to combine St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran School and our Sunday School for our Children's Christmas Service. The Service itself is scheduled for Sunday, December 19th at 4:00pm in the church (doors will open 1 hour beforehand). Practices are scheduled for the two Saturdays preceding the service: Saturday, December 11th & Saturday, December 18th at 8:30am.

Holiday Worship Recap

Advent By Candlelight –	6:00pm on Tuesday, Dec. 7 th
Joyful Witness Concerts –	7:00pm on Friday, Dec. 10 th 2:00pm on Saturday, Dec. 11 th
Preschool Christmas –	9:00am on Sunday, Dec. 12 th
Children’s Christmas –	4:00pm on Sunday, Dec. 19 th
Christmas Eve Worship –	4:00pm & 6:00pm Friday, Dec. 24 th
Christmas Day Worship –	9:00am on Saturday, Dec. 25 th
New Year’s Eve Worship –	6:30pm on Friday, Dec. 31 st

Christmas Cards

There are a variety of greeting cards available in the church library at very reasonable prices. However, as Christmas approaches, we have stocked up Christmas Cards. Feel free to check them out and while you’re at it, see the great books we have available in the library.

Offering Plates are back!

Our Thanksgiving Services marked the return of the passing of the offering plate once again in services. This practice allows us to begin using **new pew cards** to collect information from our visitors and our communing members once again. A guest book for visitors and a communion register (on communion Sundays) are already available at the podium in the Narthex and will continue even with the pew cards.

PEW CARDS – How to use them

Communion Cards: 1 per family

If you registered in the entryway, you don’t need to do anything else.

If you prefer to use the card, simply fill in the requested information and place the card in the offering plate as it comes around.

Visitor Cards: 1 per family

Our members will not need to use these cards. However, it is good to know about them so you can assist visitors when they are with us.

A visiting family can simply supply the information on the card and place it in the offering plate. We will use the information on the card to let their congregation know they have been with us or to contact them if they do not have a church home.

The piano was tuned this week!

We got good news on its condition as it seems to have a little life left which will continue to enable us to gather offerings for future repairs and replacement if necessary. A special thanks to those who scheduled and donated the tuning.

Holy Communion

Today we have the privilege of receiving Christ's true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Through this Sacrament, the Holy Spirit seals to us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation for the strengthening of our faith. Scriptures also teach that as we commune together, we are publicly testifying to a complete unity of faith based on a confession of all of God's Word. For this reason, we respectfully request that all of those who are not confirmed members of St. Paul's or the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, please speak to the pastors before communing with us. Thank you.

Stewardship Thought

"We brought nothing with us on the day of our birth. Likewise, we will take nothing with us on the day of our death. ... A rental truck filled with personal belongings is never part of a funeral procession. Paul restates the obvious in the Scriptures when he writes, 'We brought nothing into the world, and we take nothing out of it' (1 Timothy 6:7)." (People's Bible Teaching Series: Stewardship by A. Wolfgramm, NPH, p.79)

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

In thanksgiving, God's people brought these gifts: Current – \$8,341.72; Missions - \$552; Improvement - \$70; Mortgage - \$3073.00; Thanksgiving Envelopes - \$3,722; Seminary Couples - \$410; Hymnal Fund (376) - \$1011; Audio/Visual Fund - \$13; St. Paul's Student Aid - \$25; Organ/Piano Fund- \$50; \$1269.61 was collected to help those in need. (Electronic funds included in these gifts - \$1,473.96; all offerings totaled \$18,538.08; Weekly target \$16,770). 190 people attended Thanksgiving worship (135, 55, 36 – livestream). 182 attended regular weekend services (46, 51, 85, 28 - livestream).