



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

February 17 & 18	Lent 1	Hymns
Order of Service:	The Service: Setting Two Page 172	404 Psalm 25 864
Sermon:	Genesis 22:1-18	750
	God's Test	525 & 671 545:1-3

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 hymn 750.*

Ushers this week (17 & 18) teams are 9 (J. White), 10 (T. Schwefel), & 11 (D. Babler). Greeters are V. White, Jermans, & D. White. Next Week (24 & 25) teams are 1 (D. Schumacher), 2 (L. Ziemer), & 3 (M. Peachy). Greeters are C. Kitchen, Kovalaskes, & Kampmans. Our organist is Trevor Kuphal. Thank you all for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's.

God's Word This Week:

Lent 1

RETHINKING RELIGION: TRIALS, TESTS, & TEMPTATIONS

"If God loves us, why doesn't he remove all the trials and tests and temptations that we face?" That question demonstrates the religious assumption that those things are bad. They aren't. In the hands of a loving God, they are tools by which he refines our faith. He uses tests as a way to compel us to be less self-reliant, and instead trust in his strength. He uses trials to teach us that this broken world is not our true home. God even takes Satan's temptations and uses them for our good. Trials, tests, and temptations are not exceptions to God's love. That's a false assumption! These are examples of God's love. Proof is that God allowed his beloved Son Jesus to face trials and temptations, so that he might be our perfect savior and substitute.

February 17 – February 25, 2024

			WALL A TEAM Tournament (16-18)
2/17	Sat.	6:30 PM	WORSHIP with Lord's Supper [#9]
2/18	Sun.	7:45 AM	WORSHIP with Lord's Supper [#10]
		9:00 AM	Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
		10:15 AM	WORSHIP with Lord's Supper [#11]
2/19	Mon.		No School SPLS
		6:00 PM	St. Paul's Adult Choir
		6:15 AM	Public School Catechism Class
			Chimes Practice (stay tuned)
2/20	Tues.	3:30 PM	Board of Elders
		6:30 PM	Worship at the Cross at St. Paul's
2/21	Wed.	8:45 AM	Adult Bible Class (This We Believe)
		3:30 PM	Lenten Worship [7-8 sings]
		4:30 PM	Hot Dog Dinner
		6:30 PM	Lenten Worship
2/22	Thur.	6:00 PM	Parent vs. Kid Basketball Game
		7:00 PM	Open Gym
2/23	Fri.		5-8 Ski Trip to Nordic Mountain
		8:35 AM	Chapel (Pastor Kampman)
2/24	Sat.	6:30 PM	WORSHIP [#1]
2/25	Sun.	7:45 AM	WORSHIP [#2]
		9:00 AM	Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
		10:15 AM	WORSHIP [#3]

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 members please speak with one of our pastors before communing with us. Thank you.

Adult Bible Class: This We Believe

Our world is full of many voices telling us what to believe. It can be confusing, frustrating, and faith-destroying. What does God really say? How can I be certain? Using *This We Believe* a booklet published by our synod (WELS), we investigate the teachings of God's Holy Word. This We Believe is available electronically at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/thiswebelieve.

This week we will finish up looking at *Justification by Grace and through Faith*.

Principal Call Placed – 2/4/2024 CALL RETURNED

Our Voters extended a call to Mr. Jonathan Biedenbender from Mt. Calvary/Grace Lutheran School in La Crosse, WI to serve as our principal and to teach grades 7&8 within our school here at St. Paul's. Mr. Biedenbender is married to Heather (nee Diehm) and has been serving as principal and 7 & 8 grade teacher in La Crosse since 2004. Mr. Biedenbender has returned the call. Another call meeting has been scheduled for February 28th after our 6:30 pm Lenten service.

Lenten meal slots still available

Want to host a Lenten meal yourself? Contact Amy in the office to reserve a Wednesday, two remain!

WLA & SPLS SCRIP

During the month of February, take advantage of a 10% discount on your Kwik Trip Scrip cards and a 20% discount on your Kwik Trip Grocery-only cards.

Hot Dog Dinner Wednesday, February 21

HOT DOGS HERE! GET YOUR HOT DOGS!! Between Lenten services on Wednesday hot dogs will be the meal item for our enjoyment. *A donation sheet is available by the Martin Luther Room.*

SPLS Grads at WLA achieve high honors

Did you know that among those on the high honor roll (3.85 or above) at WLA, you will find 8 alumni of our school here at St. Paul's? Of the 10 students sent to honors band this year at WLA, 4 were SPLS alumni. We even had a member among those in the "top ten" of WLA's Senior class (highest accumulative GPA for a high school career). Way to go pioneers! Want to find out more about St. Paul's and the K-8 experience we offer here? Contact the office. We would love to let you know what we can do for you and your family.

Hot Lunch Server for next year

Want to see the bright and smiling faces of children as you serve them lunch? We have a volunteer position for you! The lunches come cooked and ready our server simply takes the food and portions it for those who choose to eat hot lunch that day. 7&8 graders will clean up after with your supervision. If you would like to consider taking on this role, please speak with Mr. Hartwig or Pastor Kampman for more information. Thank you.

Before and After School Helpers

We are also looking for some help next year with before and after school help. Currently, we need the most help in the before-school program. It runs from 7 am until about 8:15 each morning. If you would like to assist either this year or next, please speak with Mr. Hartwig or Pastor Kampman for more information. Thank you.

Congregational Cleaners

Want to help out around the church? We are always looking to add to those who are willing to clean the church. A few hours each week keeps the place looking nice and neat for worship. Volunteer labor also saves a pretty large bill should we hire it out. Get a group of friends together and do breakfast before burning off the calories once a month with cleaning. A signup sheet is located on the information centers in the narthex.

Easter Flowers need to be in by March 4th

If you would like to donate flowers for Easter envelopes with choices and amounts are available by the Martin Luther Room. Our florist needs all orders by March 4th this year.

Save The Date! - St. Paul's Night at the Wisconsin Herd

On Friday, March 1st at 7:00 pm join friends, family, and staff of St. Paul's Lutheran for a fun night out with the Wisconsin Herd! St. Paul's students will be invited to participate in the Jockey High Five Tunnel! Find out more or reserve seats at fevogn.com/StPaulFDL.

Pathways to Christ Women's Retreat

Registration for the 2024 Pathways to Christ Retreat is now open! "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8), is the theme passage for this year's Retreat held in Oshkosh, WI on March 1-3, 2024. More information about speakers, topics, accommodations, and more can be found online at pathwaystochrist.org. You may register online or print a registration form and mail it in.

WLA Theatre Presents a night of 2 comedies for the price of 1!

All I Really Need to Know I Learned by Being in a Really Bad Play & How to Get Away with a Murder Mystery will be presented on March 8&9 at 7:00 pm and March 10 at 2:00 pm. Adults \$8 & Students and Seniors \$5.

Register now for the 2024-2025 school year at WLA

Winnebago Lutheran Academy is registering students for the coming school year. They also have a wide variety of ways they can help when it comes to the financial side of your application at this time of year. Contact the WLA Office at (920) 921-4930.

WLA's The Event is set for April 27 @ 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

The Event is our annual dinner auction. *The Event* highlights the WLA Endowment and raises support for ongoing ministry. Learn more or register to attend at wlavikings.org/theevent. Have questions? Please contact Johanna Yenter, Marketing & Events Coordinator at jyenter@wlavikings.org or 920-921-4930. ext. 302.

Upcoming Events at WLA. Mark Your Calendars!

February 19 No School **28** Blood Drive

March

7-10 Spring Play

12 ACT for Juniors (no hot lunch)

12 Virtual Learning Frosh, Soph, Sr

14-23 Washington DC Trip

18-21 Spring Break

29-1 Easter Break

April

1 Easter Break

13 Fine Arts Fair

20 Prom

22 PreACT (9 & 10)

22 Virtual Learning (11 & 12)

27 The Event

School & Sunday School Mission Offering

The weekly School & Sunday School mission offerings collected during our second semester are being given to Martin Luther College, our synod's training school for called workers. The total for the semester is \$112.89.

Stewardship Moment

prayer from There's a Prayer for That (NPH)
All things we have come from and belong to You, O God. Guide us, therefore, to use all we have to the glory of Your Name and for the good of Your kingdom. Take our hearts and fill them with Your love; take our lips and move them to speak of Jesus; take our lives and use them to serve in Your church. Move us, by the Spirit of Jesus, to do what is needed to spread the Gospel of Jesus worldwide for His Name's sake. Amen.

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.

Last Week's Offerings

God's people presented the following gifts: Current - \$10,179.42; Missions - \$752.65; Improvement - \$190; Mortgage - \$1,223; Initial Offering Envelopes - \$30; Lenten Offering Envelopes - \$55; Preschool Tuition - \$654; Extended Care - \$587.50; Audio/Visual - \$168; St. Paul's Student Aid Fund - \$20 (Electronic funds included in these gifts - \$1,812.92; all offerings totaled \$13,859.57; Weekly Budgeted Target \$19,672.75). 240 people attended weekend services (77, 62, & 101 [26]). **A Memorial** was given to the St. Paul's Student Aid Fund in memory of Peg Eggers, called from this vale of tears on January 12, 2024. **Flowers** this week are given in memory of fellow members who went to see Jesus: Dolly Rupert (1-30-24) & Todd Rupert (1-19-10) from the Rupert Family.