



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 24 & 25	Lent 2	Hymns
Order of Service:	Service of the Word service folder in pew	694 Psalm 22
Sermon:	Mark 8:31-38	817 748:3
	The Dear Cross	844 867

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 748:3.*

Ushers this week (24 & 25) teams are 1 (D. Schumacher), 2 (L. Ziemer), & 3 (M. Peachy). Greeters are C. Kitchen, Kovalaskes, & Kampmans. Next Week (2 & 3) teams will be 4 (C. Hintz), 5 (B. Tabbert), & 6 (M. Ewerdt). Greeters will be J. White, K. Sebestyen, & B. Ewerdt. Our organist is Will Hinn. Thank you all for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's.

God's Word This Week:

Lent 2

RETHINKING RELIGION: SUFFERING UNDER THE CROSS

We know that the cross was an instrument of torture and execution. However, Scripture also uses the term "cross" to refer to any suffering that one endures because he is a believer: the painful denial of the desires of the flesh; ridicule and persecution from unbelievers; etc. This is one reason people reject religion. They see Christians struggling in life with these crosses, while non-Christians often seem perfectly happy. Even the prophet Jeremiah asked, "Why do all the faithless live at ease?" (12:1).

Today, Jesus asks us to rethink suffering under the cross. It is not pointless pain. Our crosses are not how we pay for sin. Jesus already did that on his cross. Our crosses are not redemptive, but they are constructive. Any suffering unbelievers face is only bad, a foretaste of worse to come. But the suffering believers face under the cross is only good, a way Christ connects us tightly to himself with fire-tested faith.

February 24 – March 3, 2024

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]
2/26	Mon.	6:00 PM	St. Paul's Adult Choir
		6:15 AM	Public School Catechism Class
			Chimes Practice (begins March 11)
2/27	Tues.	5:00 PM	SPLS Fine Arts & Science Fair
2/28	Wed.	8:45 AM	Adult Bible Class (This We Believe)
		3:30 PM	Lenten Worship: Testimony [5-6 sings]
		4:30 PM	Chili Meal hosted by CES
		6:30 PM	Lenten Worship: Testimony
		7:20 PM	Principal Call Meeting
2/29	Thur.	7:00 PM	Open Gym
3/1	Fri.	8:35 AM	Chapel (Pastor Ehlert)
		7:00 PM	St. Paul's Family Night at the HERD
3/2	Sat.	6:30 PM	WORSHIP with Lord's Supper [#4]
3/3	Sun.	7:45 AM	WORSHIP with Lord's Supper [#5]
		9:00 AM	Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
		10:15 AM	WORSHIP with Lord's Supper [# 6]

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 Good Works & Prayer.

Principal Call – 2/28/2024 after 6:30 pm service

Mr. Jonathan Biedenbender from Mt. Calvary/Grace Lutheran School in La Crosse, WI declined the call extended to him to serve as our principal and to teach grades 7&8 here at St. Paul's. We keep their school in our prayers, even as we pray for our own, as they are trying to fill two calls at the present. *Our next call meeting is scheduled for this coming Wednesday (2-28) after our 6:30 pm service.*

Easter Egg Hunt

CES is planning an Easter Egg Hunt for kids that will coincide with the Easter Breakfast on Easter morning (7:30-9:00 am). We think it will be an EGG-cellent evangelism opportunity. If you would like to donate plastic eggs, items to place within them, or would be willing to give 20 min. of your time that morning please contact the office.

Chili Dinner Wednesday, February 28

Our CES group (Christian Education Society) will host a chili dinner between Lenten services on Wednesday. Want to help out? There are only a few spots left for helpers and a couple of items to donate. Find the list at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/chili

Lenten meal slots still available

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

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.

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.

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. *That means 1 week remains to those orders in.*

2024 International Pine Car Derby for Lutheran Boy Pioneers

The 2024 International Pine Car Derby will be held on April 13, 2024, at St. John's Watertown, WI. Check-in will be from 10:00 am until noon. The race will begin at 12:30 pm. There will be full concessions. Pre-registration is required by April 5, 2024. Each entry is \$10.00. For all participants whether shipping their car or attending in-person, each car requires a separate entry using the form found at www.lutheranpioneers.org/pine-car-derby. Rules and regulations are found on the same website. Note: Cars may compete for either craft/design or speed but not for both. ***St. Paul's Pine Car Derby*** is scheduled for April 9, 2024, at our regularly scheduled meeting time. Contact Mr. Johannes Jerman should you need a pine car kit.

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 fevogm.com/StPaulFDL.

WLA Call & Staffing News

Mr. Jamie Roecker received a call to Cross of Glory Lutheran in Peoria, AZ to teach grades 7 & 8. Mrs. Roecker, who currently teaches at St. Peter, FdL, also received a call to Cross of Glory. *Principal Dave Schroeder* received a call to St. John Lutheran to serve as Principal. Please keep the Roeckers and Schroeders in your prayers as they deliberate. *Mr. Jordan King* has resigned from his position as Technology Coordinator effective this summer to pursue other career goals. Please keep Mr. King, his wife, Grace, and son, Xander in your prayers as they make this transition.

Job Opening at WLA: PT Band Instructor

WLA is looking for a Part-Time Band Instructor to assist Director Abby Kurth in the WLA Schools band program. Find more info & applications at wlavikings.org/resources/jobs-at-wla/

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 are \$8. Students and Seniors are \$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 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 2nd semester School & Sunday School mission offering, collected weekly, is being given to Martin Luther College, our synod's called worker training school. The current total is \$141.92.

Stewardship Moment Understanding Lutheran Worship by Kristi Meyer
The Creed, Offering, and Prayer can be viewed as the "fellowship" portion of the service where we celebrate our united participation in the church's mission. In these service elements, we confess our common faith, band together and share our gifts to support the promotion of that faith, and pray for others who share that faith.

Crucial to Christian giving is the understanding that everything we have is God's. We are simply called to manage what God already owns. Our gifts and offerings are a response to the Lord for his goodness to us. They are to be given regularly and should be the first fruits of what we receive.

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.
- Automatic withdrawal from checking. Sign-up sheets are available on our website or across from the office. Call 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

We presented the following gifts: Current - \$23,708.63; Missions - \$1,287.50; Improvement - \$92; Mortgage - \$3,733.75; Initial Offering Envelopes - \$35; Lenten Offering Envelopes - \$1,901; Preschool Tuition - \$211; Extended Care - \$641.25; St. Paul's Student Aid Fund - \$100; Organ/Piano Fund - \$20 (Electronic funds included in these gifts - \$5,737.88; all offerings totaled \$32,690.13; Weekly Budgeted Target \$19,672.75). 239 people attended weekend services (52, 67, & 120 [26 views]), and 200 attended our Ash Wednesday services (126 & 74 [102 views]). **A Memorial** was given to the Current Fund in memory of Dolly Rupert, called from this vale of tears on January 30, 2024.