



St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

Church • School • Preschool

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Principal Aaron Hartwig, 7-8

Joel Mathwig, 5-6 & AD

Kristin Kampman, 3-4

Kristi Utsch, 1-2

Dawn Hinn, Kindergarten

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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 3 & 4	Epiphany 5	Hymns
Order of Service:	The Service Setting One	836
	Page 154	Psalm 103
Sermon:	Genesis 11:1-9	850
	A Tale of Two Towers	849:2
		876 & 673
		924:1,6

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 849:2.*

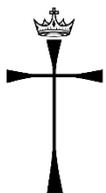
Ushers this week (3 & 4) teams are 3 (M. Peachy), 4 (C. Hintz), & 5 (B. Tabbert). Greeters are P. Brennand, Thurows, & Robinets. Next week (10 & 11) teams will be 6 (M. Ewerdt), 7 (D. Preissner), & 8 (C. Williams). Greeters will be B. Ewerdt, R. Eggers, & K. Fischer. Our organist is Dawn Hinn. Thank you all for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's.

FROM THE RIVER TO THE MOUNTAIN: THE DEVIL'S WORK UNDONE

Martin Luther once said, "Where God built a church, there the devil would also build a chapel." Satan and the other demons hate God. They demonstrate hatred by hurting those that God loves in any way they can. The epiphany Christ wants us to have is this: demons are real, they are plenteous, and they are dangerous. But Christ would also have us see that he is continually undoing the devil's work. More, through his Word, Christ Jesus gives us the power to resist the devil and stand firm in the faith.

February 3 - February 11, 2024

2/3	Sat.	C-Team Basketball Tournament at St. John's, Lomira 6:30 PM	WORSHIP with Lord's Supper [#3]
2/4	Sun.	7:45 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM 11:15 AM	WORSHIP with Lord's Supper [#4] Adult Bible Class & Sunday School WORSHIP with Lord's Supper [#5] Principal Call Meeting
2/5	Mon.	9:30 AM 11:00 AM 1:00 PM	Visitation for Dolly Rupert at Uecker-Witt Funeral for Dolly Rupert at Uecker-Witt Committal for Dolly Rupert at Oak Creek, WI No Public School Catechism Class, Choir or Chimes Practice (stay tuned)
2/6	Tues.	6:15 PM	WINGS
2/7	Wed.	8:35 AM 8:45 AM 4:30 PM	Chapel (Mr. Joel Mathwig) Adult Bible Class (This We Believe) SPLS Basketball Away at Redeemer, FdL (B-Girls 4:15am, B-Boys 5:15pm, & A-Boys 6:15pm)
2/8	Thur.	7:00 PM	NO SCHOOL SPLS TEACHERS' CONFERENCE Open Gym
2/9	Fri.		B-Team Basketball Tournament (Feb. 9-11) NO SCHOOL SPLS TEACHERS' CONFERENCE
2/10	Sat.	6:30 PM	WORSHIP [#6]
2/11	Sun.	7:45 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM	WORSHIP [#7] Adult Bible Class & Sunday School WORSHIP [#8]



Bernice "Dolly" C. Rupert

The Lord saw fit to call home our Christian sister Dolly on Tuesday, January 30, 2024. Dolly was 103 years, 4 months, & 18 days old. *"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints"* Psalm 116:15.

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 look at *Christ & Redemption*.

Mailboxes, Envelopes, & Other Information

Offering Statements for 2023 are in your mailboxes. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Surian in the office. *2024 Ushering and Greeting Schedules* should also be in ushers' and greeters' mailboxes. Ushering teams were filled in with new board members and our male 2024 confirmands. Also in mailboxes are the February *calendar and newsletter*. Across from the mailboxes are the remainder of the *2024 Envelopes*.

Guest Preacher:

Pastor Leon Ehlert from Beautiful Savior in Green Bay, WI and father to Pastor Elijah Ehlert. He has graciously filled in this weekend while our Pastor Ehlert and his brother spend some time in Nicaragua. Pastor Ehlert will be back on February 14th just in time for the start of Lent.

Sermon Text: Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. ² As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. ³ They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth." ⁵ But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building. ⁶ The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other." ⁸ So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. ⁹ That is why it was called Babel—because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

School Principal Call

It was announced that Mr. Aaron Hartwig has decided to resign from principal and teacher here at St. Paul's effective June 30, 2024. We keep Mr. Hartwig in our prayers as he finishes his time with us and prepares for a transition to whatever the Lord may have in store. We are more than grateful for the 15 years of service he has given to the glory of God and the benefit of those he has served. It is good and beneficial that we lay out the plan of action moving forward. The calling window for active WELS teachers and principals closes mid-April. A call for principal is generally not filled from MLC given continuing education requirements (they happen but they are rare). This means if we do not have a principal by the end of the calling process, we will likely need to plan for at least a year without.

That said our plan going forward is ...

- A) We will begin calling for someone who will fill the role of teacher and principal in 2024-2025 and into the future here at St. Paul's. Information has already been submitted to Lutheran Schools and ***a meeting is being planned for February 4, 2024.*** May the Holy Spirit bless this step with an accepted call!
- B) If we do not have a principal after the closing of our call window for active teachers, we will seek to fill our classroom with a one-year call, either with an emergency call from MLC or from a list of teachers in the area either retired or inactive, so that we can continue with instruction "as is" here at St. Paul's. We would task our pastors with the administrative duties and our faculty would assume the educational tasks as assigned. As the call window opens again in October, we would begin calling for a principal for 2025-2026.
- C) Should we be unable to fill the vacant classroom with a teacher for the 2024-2025 school year, then we would realign our classrooms to cover the gap for one year. We did this in the past before Mr. Hartwig arrived. We had grades 3-5 and grades 6-8 divided into classrooms. We could decide to divide differently as the time comes as faculty discusses how best to address our current student body. Again, our pastors would be tasked with administrative duties. Expect to hear more on this if April comes and we must transition into plan B. Again, as the call window opens again in October, we would begin calling for a principal for 2025-2026.

It should be noted that regardless of where the Lord leads us in the coming months, we are confident that our current staff will be more than capable of handling the challenges set before them and still be able to provide a Christ-centered, family-focused, educationally excellent experience here at St. Paul's.

2023 Annual Report

It's January 2024! So that means it is time to compile reports for the annual report of the year that has passed. Boards, groups, and committees are asked to have any reports they wish to submit in to Pastor Kampman by the end of January so that we can compile and print the Annual Report for distribution in February.

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

On Friday, March 1st at 7:00pm 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.

Pathways to Christ Women's Retreat

Registration for 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.

Men of His Word Conference

The 15th annual Men of His Word Conference will be held at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center in Oshkosh on Saturday, February 17, 2024. Go online at www.menofhisword.org to register and get details about the schedule, breakout sessions, keynote speaker, cost, etc.

WLA's The Event 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

16 Virtual Learning Day

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

NEW BOOKS in the library!!

Our church librarian, Cindy Kitchen, has been at work cataloging many new books. A two-page list is on the counter in the library for quick reference. A special *thank you* to all who donated and organized these books for the edification of the congregation.

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. \$54.89 has been gathered so far.

Wed. Lenten Meals 2024 Feb. 14 – March 20 between services
WinGS is planning their usual Spaghetti Dinner on February 14 (Ash Wednesday) to kick off the Lenten Season. *Sign-up for donations in the Narthex.* If any other groups or individuals would like to plan a Lenten meal, please contact the office to reserve a Wednesday.

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 - \$7,659.80; Missions - \$546.50; Improvement - \$170; Mortgage - \$1,309; Initial Offering Envelopes - \$91; Deficit Reduction - \$250; Altar - \$2; Audio/Visual - \$3; WLA Tuition Assistance - \$20; Hand Chime - \$20; St. Paul's Student Aid - \$60 (Electronic funds included in these gifts - \$1,614.30; all offerings totaled \$10,131.30; Weekly Budgeted Target \$19,672.75). 274 people attended weekend services (73, 57, & 144 [livestream - 27]). A memorial was given to Deficit Reduction in loving memory of Joyce Schwartz.